

Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had an incredible Open Evening yesterday evening with well over 800 visitors. Many of our current students came back in the late afternoon to either help support curriculum areas or to be tour guides. Year 5 and 6 parents and carers said that it was so valuable to be able to talk to current students - and also noted what excellent ambassadors they are for the Academy.

Monday marks the start of Black History Month, and for the remaining two and a half weeks of this half term we will be celebrating the histories and cultures of African and Caribbean communities. This includes assemblies next week as well as displays in Art, History and in our Library. The Academy's Extended Curriculum offer continues to be high quality, with a number of students attending a reward trip to Wimbledon Theatre to see An Inspector Calls at the start of September, and 40x Year 7 students went to Frozen the musical, earlier this week. I am not sure who was more excited to go - the staff or Year 7! You may also have seen on our website that Mr. Rowe led a trip to the Laver Tennis Cup last week. This was an incredible trip as students were able to see world class tennis champions including Roger Federer.

A reminder that as we head into autumn and colder weather, students should not be wearing hooded jackets to and from the Academy. They should have a dark-coloured outdoor coat, which is to be removed on arrival in the morning. We are proud of our Chelsea Academy uniform and the way in which the vast majority of students wear the uniform. Please continue to support us in upholding our high standards. On a similar note, we will be sharing a parent-friendly version of our new Attendance Policy shortly. As you know from my letter at the start of term, maintaining excellent attendance is a priority for the Academy.

**Message from our Chaplain, Mr. Van Kan**

Over the past two weeks, each Year 7 coaching group went on a day trip to St. Luke's, Earl's Court for their annual retreat. This was an opportunity to have a break from their ordinary school day to spend time away from the Academy, with their peers. We thank God for the joy that was shared throughout the weeks; and pray that the positive bonds that were built during the retreat days will be fruitful and produce great friendships between students.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mrs. Ardron  
Principal